

**Washington, DC** – Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-1) released the following statement after the President announced that an elite United States Special Forces team has killed Osama Bin Laden:

“Today, America marks a major victory in the war on terror following the announcement that the world’s most wanted terrorist and the mastermind behind the September 11, 2001 attacks and the bombing of the Norfolk-based USS Cole (DDG 67) on October 12, 2000, has been killed by American forces. Americans stand proud of a job well done by our military and intelligence communities and we honor the lives lost of those fighting to defend freedom and see justice served for nearly a decade. For those innocent victims killed at the hand of this terrorist in New York, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon – justice has been done. Yet this moment does not mark an end to the conflict with those who wish to do harm to our country; we must remain vigilant in fighting for the cause of American liberty. God bless our all volunteer force, their families, and may God continue to bless those standing watch in harm’s way keeping our great nation safe and free.”